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DROUGHT RELIEF WORKS IN RAJASTHAN
RASA SINGH RAWAT

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the labourers employed in the drought relief works in Rajasthan during the last four months, month-wise;

(b) the rate and amount of payment made to the labourers;

(c) whether the Government propose to employ at least one member from each family living below the poverty line; and

(d) the quantum of funds utilised so far in drought relief works and the contributions made by central and State Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c): The Government of Rajasthan have informed that the State Government haveproposed to provide wage employment of 10 days in rotation (effectively 9 days as 1 day would be a holiday) to about 70 lakh persons per month out of 78 lakhs in the vulnerable category

(landless Agricultural labourers, small & marginal farmers, population Below Poverty Line,Rural artisans, cultivators with single cropped area) @ 8 kg. per day. On this basis, a family would earn 72 kgs. of wheat and Rs.110 per month.

The requirement of foodgrains for Rajasthan has been re-calculated and the Task Force onDrought Management, in its recent meeting, has approved a quantity of 21 lakh MTs. of foodgrains to the State for 6 months (February to July, 2003), out of which 2 lakh MTs. have already been allocated.

(d): In addition to release of Central share of Calamity Relief Fund(CRF) for 2002-03amounting to Rs.171.16 crore, 25% of Central share of CRF for 2003-04 amounting to Rs.44.93 crore has been released in advance. Also, release of Rs.167.34 crore from National Calamity Contingency Fund(NCCF) and allocation of 10.10 lakh MTs. of foodgrains for reliefemployment, have so far been provided to the State for current drought. Distribution of relief at the ground is the responsibility of the State Government.